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THE WOLVERINE GUARD

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Not all Brave Soldiers Wear a Uniform

The objective of the Young Heroes program is to pay tribute to the courage and dignity of young heroes whose battle against a life-threatening disease or injury might otherwise go unrecognized. Since 1985, the Young Heroes program has presented hundreds of medals of courage to honor those youngsters who bravely fight against an unseen enemy, even when the odds are overwhelming. The nonprofit organization that began at the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, has spread throughout the country and is run entirely by volunteers. To help reach more deserving children, please call Senior Master Sgt. Jim Tenney at (810) 307-4774.

Spend Mother's Day at Shanty Creek

With horseback riding, hiking, biking, tennis, golf, indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpools, a wellness spa, a fitness center and shopping, as well as, several local wineries and the Turtle Creek Casino just 20 minutes away, who wouldn't want to be at Shanty Creek? And while you're there, plan to attend the 44th Annual National Guard Association of Michigan conference, May 12-14. For more information call the NGAM office at (800) 477-1644 or visit their web site at www.ngam.org.



Life Insurance After Separation

After separating from the military, your Serviceman's Group Life Insurance continues for 120 days at no cost. During that time you may convert to Veteran's Group Life Insurance without a health exam. For more information, view the SGLI/VGLI handbook on-line at www.vba.va.gov/bln/ins/sglivgli/handbook.htm.

Summer Jobs Available at Camp Grayling

Material handlers; HAZMAT, housing, subsistence and ammunition; supply clerks; warehouse and subsistence; range; operators, maintenance and officers; administrative specialist; fuel handlers; billeting; firefighters; and recreation and fitness center. Send qualifications to: Maneuver Training Center, ATTN: CW2 Wayne Wells, Bldg. 117, Camp Grayling, MI 49739. For more information, call Mr. Wells at (517) 344-6106.

No Tax on Hay Pay

If you received "hay pay" this past year—back pay due to enlisted members at \$2 a day for annual training—it does not have to be reported when you file your income tax. If you received a W-2, it is for information purposes only.

Privately Owned Conveyance

The POV reimbursement rate for official travel has increased from 31 cents to 32.5 cents.

For OUR kids

The Michigan National Guard Youth Leadership Camp is an opportunity for your children to learn a little bit more about you and your service in the Michigan National Guard. The week-long camp exposes children, ages nine to 12, to marching and cadence, rafting and rappelling, leadership and self-esteem. This year's camp will be held August 6-11 at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and is open to the children of active and retired Michigan National Guard members and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs employees. For more information or to volunteer to work during the camp, call Joel Wortley at (517) 483-5655 or Jaima McCabe at (517) 483-5832. For an application, contact your unit full-timer.

A Youth Leadership Camp counselor shows a young trailblazer the art of reconnoitering (top, left). Another trailblazer (bottom, left) rappels for the first time. (Photos by Staff Sgt. John Saul, HQ, STARC)

Rose Dedicated to Veterans

The Veterans' Honor™ Rose, developed by Jackson & Perkins, was created as a living tribute to the men and women of the armed forces. It is described as a stunning dark red hybrid tea rose, with dark green, semi-glossy foliage, a light raspberry fragrance and grows to about four feet in height. Jackson & Perkins is donating 10 percent of sales from this rose to a special fund reserved for veterans' healthcare issues.



What does Freedom Mean to High School Seniors?

Applications are currently being accepted for the 17th Annual Michigan Freedom Academy, a week-long, leadership development program that encourages a sense of and appreciation for freedom. The academy, sponsored by the Michigan Freedom Foundation and hosted by the Michigan Army and Air National Guard, is open to high school students about to enter their senior year. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better, be active in extracurricular activities, plan to attend college or join the military and have transportation to and from Alpena. For more information or to receive an application, contact Warrant Officer Dawn Doss at (517) 483-5711 or e-mail her at dossdm@mi-armg.ngb.army.mil.

The Michigan National Guard Retired Officers Association

The Michigan National Guard ROA is a nonprofit, educational and charitable organization whose main objective is to promote the Michigan National Guard and keep members advised on current happenings. The association also donates to the Camp Grayling Chapel Fund, awards an annual college scholarship and presents a monetary award to the Michigan Officer Candidate School honor graduate. Their next meeting is Saturday, June 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Royal Scot Bowling and Golf Center, 4722 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Mich. For more information, contact Col. Jim Spackman (ret.) at (517) 651-9101.



Under Construction

The last several issues of the Wolverine have highlighted new educational programs for members of the Michigan National Guard. With over 1,000 guard members already taking advantage of these new benefits, we have many great reasons to celebrate their resounding success.

However, while we've been emphasizing the tremendous educational assistance opportunities now available to members of the Michigan Guard, we've also been receiving exceptional state and federal legislative support for installation infrastructure improvements, construction, as well as the restoration of full-time positions eliminated during the Department of Defense's downsizing initiatives.

Thanks to Congress, funding was put back in our budget that paved the way for the grand opening of a new armory at Fort Custer, this Spring. At the Air National Guard Base in Alpena, preparations are underway to build a new armory for Det 1, Co C, 125 Infantry. Also, at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, we recently broke ground for a \$5 million, state-of-the-art air combat maneuvering instrumentation facility (ACMI).

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Driving through Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens, today, you'd notice construction of a

new Control Tower, a new vehicle maintenance complex and a remodeled home for Company F, 425th Infantry.

At Camp Grayling, a new control tower is also being built at the air-to-ground range. At armories and bases around the state, boilers and windows are being replaced, parking lots are being paved and built, roofs are being replaced and plumbing redone. All of these projects represent a handful of the ongoing infrastructure improvements we've got in the works, as a result of Congress' continuing emphasis in supporting the National Guard.

Congress has also recognized National Guard readiness requirements by responding to our request for the restoration of many full-time positions eliminated over the past few years in the name of downsizing. This year alone, the Michigan Army Guard has put 63 full-time technician and 12 AGR back on the rosters. These positions are being allocated to replace critical vacancies that will dramatically improve the maintenance of our vehicles, the records of our soldiers and the functioning of our computer and network systems.

At the annual National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM) conference in Shanty Creek, May 12-14, we'll highlight even more success stories associated with the great support we're receiving from our state and federal legislators. This conference provides all of us with a great opportunity to recognize the exceptional efforts many of our guard members have made to energize legislative support. The benefits we're receiving today were made possible thanks, in large part, to your letters, phone calls, e-mails and personal visits to legislators.



For more information, or to register for the NGAM conference, call Ms. Paula Fessenden at (517) 484-1644. And finally, for more information on educational benefits, contact Ms. Michelle Bartkowiak at (517) 483-5519, or Mr. Steve Kozera at (517) 483-5685.

E. Gordon Stump

Can Michigan Count on You?



By Dace L. Mason

Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Representative
to the Governor's Complete Count Committee

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census every 10 years to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. An inaccurate count could cost Michigan a congressional seat. The information collected is also used by the federal government to determine how much federal funding Michigan receives over the next 10 years. This funding determines where new roads are located, funding for schools, adult education programs, local funding for police and fire, health care, day care, programs for the elderly and services to the disabled. Census figures are also used by businesses to determine where to locate plants and identify potential new markets.

In 1990, the census had a 65 percent response rate. Based on projected federal dollars coming back to the state, for every 200 people not counted by the census, Michigan will lose \$1 million over the next 10 years.

April 1 is census day. The forms will be mailed to each household in mid-March and should be returned

as soon as possible. In late April through June, census workers will visit homes that did not return the census form.

Most households will receive the short form consisting of seven subjects. This should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. One in six households will receive the long form covering 34 subjects, which should take approximately a half-hour to complete.

The information collected by the census is confidential and protected by federal law. This information cannot be shared with any other agency, to include welfare agencies, IRS, immigration, courts, police or private companies.

Many part-time, weekend and evening temporary employment opportunities are available with pay ranging from \$8.25 to \$15.25 per hour. For more information or to apply for these jobs, call (888) 325-7733 or log-on at www.state.mi.us/census2000.

Let's insure Michigan gets its fair share. Don't be left uncoun-
ted.

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Surviving the Big Chill

By Maj. Scott Stokes

Air Guard State Public Affairs Officer

This past winter, the Michigan Air National Guard Medical Readiness Training Site (MRTS) located at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich., conducted their first medical cold weather survival training.

Sixty students from across the country, including Puerto Rico, attended the training.

The course is designed to provide medics with specialized instruction in operating an Air Transportable Hospital in a cold weather environment. Training in cold weather environments became necessary in 1999 when the Air National Guard began sending medical personnel to Antarctica to support flying operations.

Col. (Dr.) Michael J. Paletta, Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs State Air Surgeon, developed the concept for cold weather survival training for medical personnel. "This course offers the most comprehensive and interactive cold weather survival tactics and information in the National Guard," said Paletta. "Medical personnel from all over the country can come to Alpena and take advantage of this training," he added.

The one-week training event consists of classes in triage and treatment of emergency medical conditions typical of cold weather environments; implications for

nursing care in arctic cold; the psychological elements that help a person survive in cold weather; and operation of medical equipment in severe cold temperatures.

Students also spend a night outside with only a sleeping bag. They are taught to use elements found in nature to help keep warm.

"This course is the best instruction available to medical personnel needing to learn more about cold weather environments," said Capt. John R. Kirk, MRTS director. "Participants practice retrieving patients from an airplane and treating them in the Air Transportable Hospital

much the same way they would if deployed in support of a military contingency operation. Anyone needing this training is welcome to join us in Alpena for this exciting and interactive training," he added.

The course has peaked the interest of several military leaders around the nation. Brig. Gen. Dennis Higdon, Air National Guard assistant to the surgeon general for Air Combat Command was also in attendance. Other dignitaries serving the medical field included Col. Carol Ann Fausone, Air National Guard assistant to the chief nurse for ACC and Col. David Smith, Air Force advisor to the surgeon general on medical readiness issues.

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State Air Surgeon**

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Master Sgt. James Passini of the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team gears-up in a fully encapsulated chemical resistant suit; see story on page 8. (Cover photograph by 1st Lt. Dawn Dancer, State Public Affairs)

Celebrating Black History Month

Focusing on Success

In the following article, we peer into the lives and military careers of three African American Michigan National Guardsmen. These success stories are but a sample of the significant contributions made by African Americans in the Guard. And during Black History Month, may we celebrate their success.

By Maj. Christine D. Cook
State Public Affairs Office

Col. Lloyd Sutton, Col. Harold Arrington, and Lt. Col. Robert Lundy are all hard-charging soldiers in influential positions. They are driven to succeed. They are all commanders: one of a battalion, one of a brigade and one of a medical unit. What else do they have in common? They just happen to be African Americans.

Each of these men has more than 20 years in the military and they've seen a lot of changes—the biggest they say is that their ethnic background had no bearing on their career development. They have each succeeded on their own merits. Their success seems to be color-blind.

Col. Lloyd Sutton

Col. Sutton started out of the gate fast and furious. "As a kid in high school, I was one of those high achievers," he said. He attended West Point Military Academy and graduated in 1973.

During his active duty years, he served in air defense artillery, then armor, and finally settled into the aviation branch, where he has remained to this day.

While many West Pointers remain on active duty their entire career, Sutton had enough after seven years. "During the course of seven years, I lived in five states and two countries," he said.

The last straw came when he left his family for a 13-month tour to Korea. His five-year-old son told Sutton that he would take care of Mom for him.

When Sutton came back from Korea, he started to look at other career options more seriously. IBM had already told him he could work for them but he wanted to stay with the military in some capacity. It was then he remembered a visit by then Lt. Col. John Rowland some years before.

Rowland, of the Michigan Army National Guard, had come to talk to some active duty air cavalry units. Rowland told Sutton if he were ever interested in joining the Guard, he should consider Michigan.

And consider Michigan is just what he did. "This way I can work for IBM and serve in the National Guard and I haven't missed anything with my family," he said.

At IBM, Sutton works in marketing sales and service for Daimler-Chrysler. In the Guard, he's the brigade commander for the 63rd Troop Command, Jackson, Mich.



Most of his Michigan National Guard positions have been in aviation units. He's been an air scout troop commander, an attack helicopter company commander and an aviation task force commander—his favorite being his tenure as commander of 1st Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment. "That was one of the best jobs in the world," he said.

Sutton's experiences in the Army have been very helpful in establishing his competence in other areas of his life. For example, IBM wanted him specifically because of his military training. "IBM places an appropriate value on the responsibilities of the leadership positions entrusted to young army officers," he said. "My skills in the civilian sector support my military skills, and vice versa," he added.

Col. Harold Arrington

"The Michigan Army National Guard offers a unique experience for African Americans," said Col. Harold Arrington, explaining the Guard is a place African Americans can turn to for opportunities that might not be available elsewhere. "My own experiences have been very favorable."

Arrington is the Michigan Army National Guard state surgeon. He does double duty as the commander of Detachment 6, the medical unit attached to Headquarters STARC.

He joined the Guard July 1972. "My brother was already in and it seemed like a good way to (serve) and complete my residency at Wayne State University."

Twenty-seven years later, he's still serving but it took a war to convince him to stay. Sutton was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm.

"Saudi Arabia was a turning point," he said. "It was the greatest challenge I've had while I've been in the military." Sutton, who was the officer-in-charge of American personnel at the King Fahd Military Medical Center in Dhahran, said his unit took care of SCUD missile attack victims, war injured and prisoners of war. The experience later led to command opportunities, he had never considered before.

Arrington feels the Guard has changed a lot in 27 years and he thinks many of these changes are positive. "There are more opportunities for African Americans now than there were before. There are many more opportunities for women, as well."



He adds it's very important for African Americans to get a degree and says the tuition assistance opportunities in the Guard are a terrific option.

And he would like to see more minority professionals in the National Guard. "There aren't as many as I'd like there to be." He'd like to see other minority soldiers take advantage of the same opportunities he had.

Lt. Col. Robert (Daryl) Lundy

Joining the Michigan Army National Guard was the most natural step in the world for Daryl Lundy. "I got involved because of my family. My father was the chief of staff for the

Michigan Army National Guard. My uncle was a non-commissioned officer. I've always been in that environment," he says.

He went through Junior ROTC in high school, then completed a two-year college ROTC program. And since then, it's been the Michigan National Guard—21 years and counting.

Currently, he's the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) branch manager, who oversees full-time soldiers in the Army and Air Guard. In addition, he is the commander of the 210th Military Police Battalion.

Lundy enthusiastically claims, "Every day's an opportunity." A typical day of opportunities involves mixing and matching "both hats"—that of AGR branch manager and commander.

He says being full-time gives him an advantage of accessibility that is not always available for M-Day commanders. "I'm always getting (battalion-related) phone calls and e-mails."

Having been in the military 21 years, he's seen the National Guard grow and change in many ways. He says there is an emphasis on professionalism and technical skills that has not been there in the past. "We train to active duty standards," he said.

If there's one thing he misses, it's that there's less of a family atmosphere than there once was. "It used to be that fathers, brothers and sons were in the same unit and would stay in that unit their entire careers," he said. "The new system allows more upward mobility, but at a cost."

Lundy says he plans to stick around for several more years. "Right now, I want to make this MP battalion the best it can be and to sustain a highly trained and dedicated force," he said.

Following in Dad's footsteps? Maybe.





The Largest Race in the Country

Sixteen-thousand runners, 10 mile course, pouring rain, low 50's--and only 11,453 contestants even finished the race. Four of those runners were from 1st Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment, Grand Ledge, and together, they placed fifth out of 35 National Guard teams and 105th out of 537 total teams. Congratulations to (from left to right) Warrant Officer Rich Burcham, Warrant Officer Candidate Tim Gordon, 1st Lt. Bob Lombard and 2nd Lt. Todd Fitzpatrick.



A Strangers Life

Tech. Sgt. Mike Sobran prepares to take a blood sample from Staff Sgt. Matt Becker during a recent Marrow Drive at the 110th Medical unit in Battle Creek. Michigan National Guardsmen have been participating in bone marrow drives since 1994. Prior to that time, the Department of Defense, by regulation, excluded National Guard and Reserve participation in the DoD Marrow Program. It was an E-4 from the Michigan National Guard who encouraged DoD to change the program to allow reserve participation.

A bone marrow transplant is the preferred treatment for more than 60 fatal blood disorders but only 30 percent of all patients can find a compatible donor from a family member. The National Marrow Donor Registry provides a list of volunteer donors for patients needing a lifesaving transplant but, even with the registry, the chance of finding a match can range from one-in-100 to one-in-one million, depending on ethnic background. Because tissue types are inherited and some tissue types are unique to certain racial or ethnic groups, a patient's best chance of finding a match is within his or her ethnic group.

If your unit would like to host a marrow donor drive, contact 2nd Lt. John Crisler at (231) 728-1237.



Congratulations to the 1436th Engineer Company, Montague--winners of the 1999 Connelly Eagle Award for Region IIIA. The 1436th were named the "very best field kitchen operation in seven states," which includes about 700 dining facilities. In this photograph, Staff Sgt. Eric Ulfax (right) and Spec. Duane Korson (left) are shown preparing lunch in a field kitchen during an inspection for the award.



The Wolverine Guard Salutes ROTC Spartans

With the help of four Michigan Army National Guardsmen, the Michigan State University Army ROTC handily won the ROTC Brigade Ranger Challenge Championship for the second consecutive year. Competing against 21 other schools, the ROTC Spartans competed for two days in events such as, marksmanship, land navigation, a road march and physical fitness. Congratulations to Cadets Christopher Arne and Javier Castro of HHC, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry; Cadet Neil Byerle, of Company A, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry; and Cadet Joseph Brugnoli, of Company F, 425th Infantry.

Airmen of the Year

Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Sean M. Sturgeon of Ypsilanti, Mich., a member of the 110th AGS, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, has been named airman of the year.

Sturgeon is an armament systems specialist and has been in the Michigan Guard for two-and-a-half years.

Prior to joining the Guard, Sturgeon served on active duty for nearly four-and-a-half years.

In civilian life Sturgeon is an assistant manager in the veteran service office at Eastern Michigan University and is pursuing a degree at Eastern in secondary education (with an emphasis in history).

Sturgeon is also a cross country and hockey coach at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti, a Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum volunteer and participates in three separate adult hockey leagues.



NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Anthony C. Liggins of Warren, Mich., a member of the 171st Air Lift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, has been named the NCO of the year.

Liggins, a flight engineer, works full-time at Selfridge and has been in the Michigan Guard for 13 years.

Liggins attended basic training in 1987 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Since then he has also attended advanced avionics training and the Basic Flight Engineer School where, both times, he was named distinguished graduate.

Liggins has also been named wing airman of the year three times: in 1989, 1991 and 1999.

Liggins is currently pursuing a business degree from University of Detroit-Mercy.



Senior NCO of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Wayne T. Fetty of New Haven, Mich., a member of the 127th Aircraft Generation Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, has been named the senior NCO of the year.

Fetty, a specialist element superintendent, works full-time at Selfridge and has been in the Michigan Guard for 24 years.

Fetty attended basic training in 1976 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Since then he has attended numerous schools including precision measurement equipment laboratory training, the NCO Academy (where he was the distinguished graduate) and the Senior NCO Academy.

Fetty is also a school board trustee for the New Haven schools, a member of AMVETS-Post 72 and is currently pursuing an electronics degree from Macomb Community College.



First Sergeant of the Year

First Sgt. Jimmie L. Greathouse of New Baltimore, Mich., a member of the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, has been named the first sergeant of the year.

Greathouse, who started his military career in the active Army, has 26 years of combined service.

Greathouse joined the Michigan Air National Guard in 1980. He has worked in various positions, including administration and recruiting, and has completed the NCO Academy and the First Sergeant School.

In 1990, he was sent to MacDill Air Force Base, in support of the Gulf War, where he was the NCOIC of computer systems that disseminated classified material.

In civilian life, Greathouse is a resident unit officer for the Department of Corrections, where he was recently named officer of year. He is also a member of the emergency response team and a substance abuse instructor.

Greathouse holds an associate's degree in business management from the Detroit College of Business.



Recruiter of the Year

Michigan Air National Guard

Master Sgt. Mark A. Downing of Flint, Mich., a member of the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, has been named the 1999 Michigan Air National Guard recruiter of the year and has received the Minuteman Award.

Downing, who has been a Michigan National Guard recruiter for nearly four years and won the region IV rookie recruiter of the year in 1997, recently took on a new position as the retention office manager at Selfridge. He has been in the military more than 14 years including 10 years on active duty.

Downing attended basic training in 1985: the NCO Prep. Course, 1987; the NCO Leadership School, 1990; and the NCO Academy, 1998.

Downing has just completed a bachelor's degree in business leadership from Baker College and also holds an associate's degree in general studies from Macomb Community College.



Michigan Army National Guard

Sgt. 1st Class Susan T. Dewey of Portland, Mich., a member of the Aviation Support Facility, Grand Ledge, Mich., has been named the 1999 Michigan Army National Guard recruiter of the year and has earned the Chief's Fifty ring.

Dewey, who has been a recruiter and a member of the Michigan National Guard for only two years, first spent 15 years on active duty. During that time she performed two overseas tours (three years in Germany and one year with UN peace-keepers in Egypt) and has served as an administrative specialist, truck master, drill sergeant, instructor, course writer and equal opportunity advisor.

Dewey is currently pursuing a degree from Columbia College.



A Mission Very Close to Home

By Maj. Christine D. Cook
State Public Affairs

If the commander of the Michigan National Guard's newest unit called his unit members this very moment for activation, those soldiers and airmen would report immediately—they would not take time to power down the computer they were working on or even put the cap back on the milk. The soldiers and airmen of this unit believe there is no such thing as too much training and they care deeply about performing to standard. If their unit fails at its mission, the lives of Michigan citizens might be at stake.

These soldiers and airmen are members of the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, located in Lansing. The 51st is a part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region V—Mich., Minn., Wis., Ill., Ind., and Ohio.

At full strength, the 51st will have 22 personnel—seven officers and 15 enlisted.

"Our unit has a very challenging mission," said Capt. Greg Babcock, operations officer for the 51st. The stated mission, according to the draft field manual, is "to provide support to civilian emergency responders in incidents involving nuclear, biological or chemical terrorist acts."

Ever since the World Trade Center bombing in 1993, and similar incidents like Oklahoma City and the Japanese subway incident, the U.S. has become increasingly concerned with our nation's ability to counteract terrorist activities on our own soil.

Test events in New York City and other U.S. cities have shown that not every fire department,

police department or emergency management system is totally capable of responding to weapons of mass destruction.

In May 1997, the Secretary of Defense recommended National Guard units be assigned the role of countering chemical and biological terrorism in each state, and, in August of that year, the Defense Science Board recommended the National Guard establish ten regional organizations. The result was WMD units, under peacetime control of the state adjutant general.

Initially, ten states received full-time units, one for each FEMA region. Since then the other states have received M-Day units. "It's not a question of if, but when, we will get a full-time unit," Babcock explained. "Eventually, all states will be full-time."

Babcock points out that personnel in this unit

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have to go through an extraordinary amount of training, both civilian and military, to become fully qualified. "The position with the lowest amount of required training has 408 hours," he says. The position with the highest amount has 1232 hours of training. It's nearly impossible to do this amount of training in M-Day status. The unit has pushed to receive an extra week of annual training to perform extra classes.

"There's no such thing as too much training in this kind of unit, though," Babcock says. As the draft field manual states, "terrorism remains one of the deadliest and most persistent threats to U.S. security."

"If we're not ready, lives will be lost," Babcock said. "This mission strikes literally, and figuratively, very close to home."

With bomb-making directions available on the internet, it's relatively easy for anyone to put together a chemical bomb and launch a terrorist attack. But even without terrorism, the 51st will have a host of other threats to contend with. They could get called up for chemical spills, railway derailments or nuclear power plant breakdowns.

"We're on call 365 days a year," Babcock said. "There is a very real threat." Unit members must reside within two hours of Lansing.

The 51st will support local incident commanders to assess suspected NBC attacks. And with military NBC training, this is a natural fit. But the



Master Sgt. James Passini prepares for "level A" as he puts on a self contained breathing apparatus. (Photo by 1st Lt. Dawn Dancer, State Public Affairs)

uniforms these soldiers and airmen wear "into battle" go way beyond the standard MOPP gear.

"We go to MOPP Nine," jokes Lt. Col. Charles "Mike" Terrill, commander of the unit.

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A portion of the training unit members undergo has the express purpose of getting the soldiers used to the suit. Unit members agree they can't be claustrophobic in that uniform.

In addition to the NBC survey team the National Guard can supply, another critical aspect of the unit's support is in their communication section. The communication equipment allows the unit to have "reachback" potential. Reachback is the ability to bring expert advice to persons on the ground to support timely, accurate decisions. Reachback is similar to telemedicine, where a doctor can advise a person in a remote location how to conduct surgery.

The 51st WMD-CST is a high visibility and high stress unit, but Babcock and the other unit members look forward to the challenge. As Secretary of Defense William Cohen said in October 1998, "We no longer face a single, powerful enemy, as we did during the Cold War. We don't live with a balance of terror. But we do face terrorists, and we do face the terrorizing possibility some nation or group will try to use a deadly chemical or biological weapon against our own forces or our homeland."

And so, among this twisted, complicated threat, we find one possible solution—National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction units. But this is just one step.



One of the 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team's missions will be taking air samples to determine the level of contamination, as shown above. (Photo by 1st Lt. Dawn Dancer, State Public Affairs)

Aviation Maintenance

*A photo story by Sgt. Ron Rafflik
Headquarters, Ft. Custer*



Sgt. Peter Lindsay removes a cracked beam from a UH-60 series Blackhawk helicopter.



Staff Sgt. Brian Hosey assists in the installation of a rotor blade on a CH 47-D Chinook helicopter.



Aircraft electrician Sgt. David Peterson ensures the integrity and functionality of several thousand cables and connectors on a Chinook.



Sgt. 1st Class Al Dawson and Warrant Officer Billy Cummins observe damage caused by a "hard landing."



Officer Candidate Brett Beatty replaces part of a flight control system on a Blackhawk.



This past winter, Detachment 2, Company E, 106th Aviation spent their A.T. at the Corpus Christi Army Depot for aviation maintenance training. CCAD is the largest facility in the world for helicopter repair and overhaul.



Sgt. 1st Class Al Dawson and Warrant Officer Dan Wicker observe the testing of a UH-60 helicopter transmission after repairs at the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

Military Education Requirements Up, Civilian Education Costs Up

To remain in the National Guard, soldiers and airmen must remain proficient in their military occupational specialty and common tasks, pass physical fitness tests and meet weight standards, and after certain ranks, additional military training is required. All the while, more and more emphasis is being put on a college education. What's a Guardsman to do?

Numerous programs are available through the Michigan National Guard that offer our members tuition assistance to pursue a civilian education and attend military training right here in our state.

The following information is designed to bring about an awareness of these opportunities.

Because of space limitations, in some cases, not all requirements are listed. For the most complete and current information, check with your unit.

State Education Reimbursement Program

—Army and Air National Guard members

—50 percent of tuition reimbursed up to \$2,000 per academic year

—full-time or part-time student

—attending a public or private state college, university, community college, technical college or vocational/trade school

For more information or to apply contact your unit.

Tuition Grant Program

Participating schools award up to 45 percent off the cost of tuition for members of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard.

—Western Michigan University, 45 percent

—Eastern Michigan University, 45 percent

—Northern Michigan University, 45 percent

—Lake Superior State University, 45 percent

—Ferris State University, 45 percent

—Cleary College, 30 percent

—Davenport Business College, Army Guard: will pay the balance of your Federal Tuition Assistance; Air Guard: 15 percent

—Detroit College of Business, same as Davenport

—Great Lakes College, same as Davenport

Other colleges and universities will soon be added to this list. For more information and to apply, contact your unit.

Montgomery GI Bill Chapter 1606

Eligible members (six year National Guard service obligation and completion of basic and AIT or Tech. School) are entitled to 36 months of benefits and receive the following amounts monthly:

Full-time: \$255

Three-quarter: \$191

Half-time: \$127

Less than half: \$63.75

To apply fill out a DD Form 2384, available at your unit.

GI Bill "Kicker"

If you have the GI Bill you may also be eligible for the GI Bill "Kicker" which means

another \$200 per month for current Army Guard members, active Army transfers and Army Guard lieutenants without a bachelor's degree. Airmen, Army Guard officer candidates in state or federal OCS and ROTC/SMPs may also be eligible for up to \$350 per month. For eligibility requirements,



Future Michigan National Guard soldiers (top) ring cadence at Fort Custer's Recruit Training Orientation Course. Many National Guard members (left) attend college, in addition to, balancing a full-time job, family and Guard obligations. Ms. Beth Ellsworth (right) teaches numerous software classes at the headquarters armory in Lansing. The NCO handbook (bottom) helps keep track of soldiers, training, beans and bullets.

contact your unit or Army Guard members may call Staff Sgt. Timothy Grove at (517) 483-5516.

Federal Tuition Assistance--Army Guard

Up to 75 percent tuition assistance is available for Army National Guard M-day soldiers through the Army Continuing Education System. ACES tuition assistance covers two classes per semester and up to 15 semester hours per year. This assistance is for soldiers without a baccalaureate or graduate degree and there is not a six year service obligation; however, soldiers must have completed basic and AIT. To apply, fill out DA Form 2171 available through your unit.

Federal Tuition Assistance--Air Guard

A program similar to the one described above is available for AGR Airmen. To apply, fill out AF Form 1227 available through your unit.

Student Loan Repayment Program

SLRP authorizes payment on existing student loans for qualifying soldiers and airmen at a rate of 15 percent or \$500, whichever amount is greater, with an annual limit of \$1,500.

—minimum contractual obligation of six years

—assigned to a unit identified for SLRP

For more information contact your unit or Army Guard members may call Staff Sgt. Timothy Grove at (517) 483-5516; Airmen at Selfridge may call Master Sgt. Mark Downing at (800) 645-9420; and Airmen at Battle Creek may call Master Sgt. Dale Nelson at (616) 969-3205.

Enlistment Bonus--Army Guard

—High priority critical skills, \$8,000

—High priority unit, \$5,000

—Non-high priority unit, \$5,000

—Civilian Acquired Skills Program, \$5,000

Bonuses are determined based on current public law which may change two or more times a year. For the most current enlistment bonus information and to see if you qualify for a bonus contact your recruiter.

Re-enlistment Bonus--Army Guard

—First-time, six-year extension, \$5,000

—First-time, three-year extension, \$2,500

—Second-time, three year extension, \$2,000

Eligible members must be MOSQ, less than 14 years of service, not considered excess and no flags (PT failure, weight control program, etc.) or bars to re-enlistment. Bonuses are determined based on current public law which may change two or more times per year. For current re-enlistment bonus information, contact your unit.

Air Guard Bonus Programs

The Michigan Air National Guard offers many enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses. Because bonuses are determined based on current public law, which may change two or more times per year, contact your recruiter or your unit for the most current information.

College Level Examination Program

CLEP testing awards college credit for knowledge you already have. After taking a CLEP exam, if you pass with a score that is accepted by your college, the exam will be accepted as the equivalent of actually taking the class. There are more than 45 exams available for National Guardsmen and their spouses. To schedule a free CLEP test through the Michigan National Guard, call Michelle Bartkowiak at (517) 483-5519.

College Credit for Military Training

Your Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, National Guard or reserve training and correspondence courses may be worth more college credit than you realize--basic training alone is worth four college credits! To have your training evaluated for college credit, call Michelle Bartkowiak at (517) 483-5519.

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Distance Learning Tuition Assistance

Distance learning options are available at several hundred colleges throughout the nation and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Support will provide 75 percent of tuition assistance up to 15 semester hours (annual cap of \$2,000) for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs. For more information call Michelle Bartkowiak at (517) 483-5519.

National Guard Association of Michigan Education Grant

This program is designed to provide small amounts of money (\$100-200) each term/semester to assist Guard members with education expenses. Submission deadlines are June 15 and Nov. 15 of each year. The scholarship committee will approve applications based on current funds and completeness of the application form.

--active member of NGAM

--all enlisted ranks, officers through captain and warrant officer through warrant officer three

--college, university and trade school students are eligible to apply

For an application, contact NGAM at (800) 477-1644 or visit them on-line at www.ngam.org.

Michigan National Guard Retired Officers Association Scholarship Program

ROA offers a one-time \$400 scholarship to members of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard, including ROTC SMPs. Applicants must be nominated by their commander (or professor of military science) and must write a one page paper detailing why they should be considered for the

scholarship. For more information, contact Michelle Bartkowiak at (517) 483-5519.

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship Program

This two-year Army ROTC Scholarship pays all tuition and allows a soldier to continue to serve with their National Guard unit. For more information, contact the professor of military science at the school where you are enrolled or have been accepted.

Training at Fort Custer

Before you pack your duffel bag and head off to an active duty school, consider the training available right here at home:

ANCOC, phase one

ANCOC, phase two (11C/11H only)

BNCOC, phase one

BNCOC, phase two, (11C/11H only)

MOS 19D, cavalry scout

MOS 19K, armor crewman

MOS 11C, indirect fire infantryman

MOS 11H, heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman

The Army Instructor Training Course

Small Group Instructor Training Course

Recruit Training Orientation Course

Commander and First Sergeant's Course

Officer Candidate School

Regional Maintenance Training Site at Ft. Custer

Unit Level Logistics Systems (ULLS-G and S4)

MOS 62B, construction equipment repairer

MOS 52C, utilities equipment repairer

MOS 52D, power generation equipment repairer

MOS 63-series, mechanics

Officer Candidate School

If you've ever thought about becoming an officer but just aren't sure, the Leadership Challenge--an orientation and overview of the Michigan Army National Guard Officer Candidate School--may put it in perspective for you. This year's orientation will be conducted March 18-19. To get signed up, contact your unit.

Satellite NCO Academy

This program is an Air Guard NCO Academy held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base for seven-level staff sergeants and technical sergeants with eight or more years of service. Students attend two nights a week from 6-10 p.m. for approximately three months. The final two weeks of the academy are held at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. For more information call Chief Master Sgt. Larry Becker at (810) 307-4601.

Distance Learning Classrooms

Distance learning technology--which allows for instruction through video teleconferencing--is being implemented in the Michigan Army National Guard. Currently DLCs are located in Lansing, Wyoming and Grayling. Fort Custer, Flint and Taylor are scheduled to receive DLCs this year and Ishpeming, Sault Ste. Marie, Big Rapids and Jackson are scheduled after that. Stay tuned for more information about DLCs in a future issue of "The Wolverine Guard."

Fourth Outstanding Unit Award

By Tech. Sgt. Carol Cathcart
110th Fighter Wing

The 110th Fighter Wing of Battle Creek, Mich. will begin the new year with another "feather in its cap" or more properly another "streamer" to place on its unit flag. For the fourth time in its history, the 110th has received the prestigious Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The Secretary of the Air Force awards the honor to units which distinguish themselves by exceptional meritorious service or achievement--units which have achieved above and apart from other units.

The 110th received its first outstanding unit award in 1971. At that time, the 110th flew tactical reconnaissance missions in the RB-57 Canberra. It was the height of the Vietnam War and Cold War tensions between East and West flared and ebbed with each turn of events in Southeast Asia. The 110th was flying many command directed and voluntary missions, patrolling the northern and southern air defense borders of the United States.

In 1985, the unit received its second citation. During the eighties, the mission of the 110th was tactical air support. Pilots flew the OA-37 Dragonfly, conducting close air and forward air control missions. The 110th also had ground units, which provided communications between the Army and the Air Force. During this second citation period, the 110th held the Air National Guard record for the most participation, of any unit, in support of peacetime Army and Air Force missions and exercises.

A third citation came in November 1993 after a series of events: In December 1990, members of the unit were called to active duty for Desert Shield; in 1991, the 110th completed a conversion from the OA-37 to the OA-10 Thunderbolt; and, in the spring of 1992, the unit, at the time under Ninth Air Force Command, completed its first quality assessment in the A-10, earning an excellent rating. All the while, the unit continued its record participation in support of Army exercises at the National Training Center in Calif.

Self-Assessment Leads to Award

By Lt. Col. Berri Meyers
Total Quality Management Advisor

The Michigan Army National Guard was recently honored by the Michigan Quality Council at their annual awards banquet in Detroit. The Army Guard received "Navigator-Level" recognition for a self-assessment conducted using the National Baldrige Quality Criteria for assessing business programs and procedures. The Michigan Army National Guard was the first "public sector" organization to earn this award in Michigan.

Michigan's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, started the Michigan National Guard on their "quality journey" in 1992. The principles of total quality management remain our primary methodology for conducting day-to-day business. We are gradually transitioning from focusing on individual skills and small work team dynamics to full scale integration of self initiated improvements of business practices. It is essential now to be able to effectively measure, analyze and adjust our daily operations to bring about actual improvements in readiness. Full strength units comprised of highly trained soldiers and airmen able to accomplish their wartime missions remain our "final product." Continuous refinement and improvements of the business practices and procedures which produce these kind of units are the quality goals for our daily focus.

The National Guard Professional Education Center conducts several great courses designed to help measure, analyze and adjust business practices and procedures. For more information, interested work team representatives or small group leaders may contact Lt. Col. Berri Meyers at (517) 483-5883 or e-mail meysersbk@mi-amg.ngb.army.mil.

With your help, we continue to get better and better.



Fort Custer

Headed in the right direction

By *Spec. Brian Boge*
126th Press Camp Headquarters

Augusta, Mich. — A \$7.4 million construction and renovation project underway at Fort Custer will result in a new armory and several additional buildings on post.

"The new armory will house units which are currently on Fort Custer but are occupying buildings which need to be used for other purposes," said Capt. Ed Hollenbeck, a civil engineer with the Construction and Facilities Office.

Going into the new \$6 million armory will be the Regional Training Institute, the 119th Service Battery, the 126th Press Camp Headquarters, the state marksmanship team, the commander's office for post headquarters, local recruiters and the Unit Training Equipment Site, said Col. Rudolph Hornus, training site commander.

Originally, Guard officials planned to build the armory on a wooded parcel at Fort Custer. Its location was changed after an environmental impact study discovered corydalis, a threatened Michigan wildflower, growing on the site. "By moving the armory, we reduced the amount of trees that needed to be cut down," Hornus said. "We also were able to use an existing road entrance off of 30th Street."

Another current project on post is the new Distance Learning Center or DLC. The building's two rooms include a computer lab, designed to hold about 18 computers, and a teleconferencing center. "Basically, this is a classroom where an instructor located anywhere else in the world can teach you," said Brian Bushnell, a building construction specialist with the Construction and Facilities Office.

"If someone asks a question the camera automatically turns to that person," Bushnell said.

"When the instructor answers, the camera automatically returns to the instructor."

During the week the DLC will be used either for military training or by outside agencies such as community colleges or corporations. On weekends, it will be used specifically by the military, Bushnell said.

A new dining facility has been built across from the post headquarters. At this time it's not scheduled to be used by post visitors, but by units based at Fort Custer, Bushnell said.

For military cooks, "The new mess hall will seem like driving a Corvette in a 25 mph zone," Hornus said. "It'll be equipped a lot nicer than most units will find necessary for a weekend."

Another new facility on post is the fitness training center on the corner of 27th Street and Harmonia Road. "The fitness center will have exercise bikes, weight-lifting equipment, showers and air-conditioning," said Capt. Peter Kane, current facilities manager. Previously, there was no building on Fort Custer dedicated for weight lifting or other physical training related activities.

In addition to new construction, buildings across Fort Custer have been retrofitted to improve energy efficiency. Four buildings in the post's 2400 south block are getting new natural gas furnaces and hot water heaters. Natural gas water heaters have been installed in nine buildings that are used only during summer months.

Converting from oil-burning appliances to natural gas saves both money on repair costs and helps avoid environmental problems, Hornus said.

"We had 18 to 20 different types of blower motors on the old oil furnaces. The maintenance people had a hard time keeping up with the different parts and systems," Hornus said.

By retrofitting buildings the post saves money on repair costs, lost work time and parts inventories, Hornus said. By insulating buildings,



The new Augusta Armory

upgrading windows, and replacing old wooden doors with steel doors the post receives an energy cost savings of about 75 percent, said Hornus.

"In the past, fuel oil delivery men spilled fuel on the ground which could cost thousands of dollars to clean up," Hornus said. "So we're doing some environmentally sound things as well as getting reliable, cost efficient heat in these buildings."

By 2000, Building Construction Specialist Brian Bushnell said, 94 percent of Fort Custer's furnaces will burn natural gas, compared with 50 percent a few years ago.

"By early next year, our goal is to basically have the fort off fuel oil," he said.

An up and coming project is the computer energy management system. "When it's complete, we'll use a computer at headquarters to automatically turn heat on and off in buildings across the post," Bushnell said.

Overall, site commander Hornus predicts the changes will make Fort Custer a busier and better place to train.

"When we counted two years ago, Fort Custer was open 48 weekends out of the year and we had people training on post 346 days a year," Hornus said. "We're probably one of the most cost-effective training sites in the nation. Our cost is about \$4 per day, per person."

"The impact of the improvements on Guard readiness is hard to measure. But, if we can retain one soldier because our environment is better, then we're headed in the right direction."

The History of Fort Custer

Camp Custer was built in 1917 for military training during World War I. Named after Civil War cavalry officer General George Armstrong Custer, more than 100,000 troops trained or demobilized there during the war.

In the years following World War I, the camp was used to train the Officer Reserve Corps and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

On August 17, 1940, Camp Custer was designated Fort Custer and became a permanent military training base. During World War II, more than 300,000 troops trained there including the famed 5th Infantry Division (also known as the "Red Diamond Division") which left for combat in Normandy, France, June 1944. Fort Custer also served as a prisoner of war camp for 5,000

German soldiers until 1945.

Fort Custer became home to units of the Navy Reserve in 1949 and to a Marine Corps Reserve Tactical Bridge Company in 1952. Also, during that time, approximately 17,000 troops were trained for the Korean War. Beginning in 1959, Fort Custer served for a decade as part of the North American Air Defense system.

The Michigan Department of Military Affairs assumed control of Fort Custer in 1968. The federally-owned, state-operated training facility is used today for training by the Michigan National Guard and other branches of the Armed Forces primarily from Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Many Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) students from colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and

Indiana also train at this facility, as well as the FBI, the Michigan State Police, various law enforcement agencies and the Lansing Community College Truck Driver Training School.

Fort Custer is located in Augusta, Mich., approximately five miles west of Battle Creek.



Moving the Lineage and Honors of the State's Oldest Fighting Unit

By Sgt. 1st Class David Dunkel
Recruiting and Retention Division

On Oct. 1, 1999, the Michigan Army National Guard saw one of the most comprehensive reorganizations in its history. In a move that affected nearly every combat arms soldier in the state, the 2nd Brigade of the 38th Infantry Division, headquartered in Ind., was dissolved. This was phase one of a four phase Department of Army, Army National Guard division redesign program. DA's ultimate goal is to reorganize a portion of the combat forces of the Army National Guard to overcome a shortfall of combat support and combat service support units required to execute today's national military strategy.

Michigan's most noticeable change came in the passing of the colors of the 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry, headquartered in Wyoming, Mich., to the 246th Armor Battalion. In this move, Michigan's youngest combat arms battalion assumed the lineage and honors of the state's oldest fighting unit. The colors of the 246th were retired in October during a ceremony at Vlug Hall, the home of the 46th Brigade Headquarters, in Wyoming.

The infantrymen of the 126th, with units in Big Rapids, Wyoming, Alma and Holland, were absorbed by 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery, headquartered in Lansing, and the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry (Mechanized) in Flint. Men who had trained to be "light fighters" at the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., suddenly found themselves crewmen on M-109 Self Propelled Howitzers and training to be gunners on armored personnel carriers. Some of those who transitioned into the artillery had a difficult time "hanging up the blue cord."

"When we heard we would be artillerymen, everyone was pretty upset," says Cadet Harry Sherwood, a Central Michigan University ROTC student, and member of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery in Alma. Sherwood was a "straight-leg-11-bravo" infantryman in Company A when the reorganization took place. "With the long combat history and proud lineage of the 126th, we never thought they would put us into the artillery." Many of those who had their hearts set on the infantry transferred to the 125th. "At least that way, they got to stay in the infantry," says Sherwood.

Those who decided to stay took on the task as only infantrymen can.

"When we got off the bus for that first A.T. up in Grayling, the other batteries looked at us like we didn't know what we were doing," Sherwood recalls. "We decided then and there that we would

train as hard as we could and next year we'd be the best firing battery in the state." Sherwood, whose grandfather was an artillery officer in the Marine Corps, decided to become an officer himself and enrolled in CMU's ROTC program soon after the reorganization. He's leaning toward branching artillery.

"When we got off the bus for that first A.T. up in Grayling, the other batteries looked at us like we didn't know what we were doing."

--Cadet Harry Sherwood

"We have a lot of fun," he says. "Especially at A.T. When you're firing those howitzers, it's a pure blast."

Both the 119th and the 126th carry honors that distinguish them among fighting units of the United States Army and Army National Guard. The 119th can trace its combat history back to the 1870's, but was organized as we know

it today on Sept. 22, 1917. During World War I the battalion was part of the famed "Red Arrow Division" (the 32nd Infantry). Under Col. Chester B. McCormick, the battalion endured five months of continuous combat in places like Toul, Juvigny and the Marne. During World War II the 119th was reorganized as part of the 119th Field Artillery Regiment and sent off to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. In June 1944, they landed in Normandy and fought their way across Europe in places like the Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. They returned back home to Lansing, Albion and Charlotte, only after Hitler surrendered.

The 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry still holds the record for being part of a regiment that served more continuous days in combat than any other. They fought in the Pacific Theater during World War II for an incredible 654 days straight. Seven Medal of Honor recipients call the 126th their unit.

The unification of these two fine units should make all those involved proud. We salute the soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry, and assure them that the new 126th Armor Battalion will carry their former colors proudly.



Aug. 6, 1918--The soldiers of Company C, 126th Infantry, 32nd Division, rest by the roadside near Mont St. Martin, France.



The men of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery fire round number 3,351 from a 155mm "Long Tom" howitzer, setting a record for the most rounds fired in combat from one gun during World War II.

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

Through Jan. 31, 2000

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Peterson, Alan R.

Wainwright, Gary E.

Lt. Col.

Kellahan, Herman E.

Phipps, Janet E.

Terrill, Charles M.

Maj.

Borman, William M.

Cortright, Daniel P.

Daniel, Rhoda K.

Hensen, William C.

Skufca, Ronald J.

Capt.

Brewtonjohnson,

Cassandra M.

Burton, Phillip L.

Erskine, Brad A.

Meehan, Thomas D.

Rowe, Mary A.

Webb, Steven J.

1st Lt.

Boyd, Christopher T.

Brown, Gregorius M.

Ducastel, Charles J. Jr.

Kennedy, Eric A.

Laskowski, Jonathan J.

Macquarrie, Douglas V.

Mann, Richard A.

McKeon, Brian J.

Rupinski, Christopher

Wagner, Scott A.

Wilcox, William K.

Warrant Officer Five

Pruett, Rhea R.

Warrant Officer

Four

Hinkle, John F.

Warrant Officer

Three

Algren, Keli M.

Dembowski, Todd A.

Kramer, Kelly A.

Looney, Kenneth R.

Raynor, Daniel J.

Warrant Officer Two

Gwilt, Kim A.

Hughes, Kenneth H.

Reges, Paul G.

Command Sgt.

Major

Rolewicz, Paul G.

1st Sgt.

Edgel, Michael A.

Master Sgt.

Carone, Wayne A.

Herblet, Troy D.

Kolhoff, David L.

Libbey, Kent T.

Reynolds, Sterlyn E.

Sullivan, Dannie R.

Taylor, William A.

Wade, Thomas R.

Sgt. 1st Class

Bahr, Christina A.

Berdan, Terry D.

Bishop, Mark A.

Bogdan, Frederic A.

Clark, Patrick L.

Connolly, Margaret J.

Crawford, Kenneth T.

Goltz, Barry S.

Gorsuch, Thomas M.

Gustafson, Robert J.

Herschleb, Douglas A.

Howard, Richard L. Jr.

Jacobs, Bryan P.

Kobel, Kenneth W.

Lince, Brian J.

Macher, Frank J.

May, Bruce R.

Megann, Michael J.

Menard, Terry J.

Mieras, Margaret L.

Moore, Anthony L.

Morrison, William L.

Neer, Dennis J.

Neil, Cynthia M.

Popp, Terrence S.

Presnell, Ronald E.

Stall, Charles W.

Swix, Jeffrey B.

Taylor, James R.

Tisdale, Shane T.

Wagner, Darrell J.

Weesner, Douglas L.

White, Gary M.

Wilkinson, Timothy S.

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Cook, Thomas M.

Corston, Lloyd E.

Cotie, Michelle M.

Day, Kevin L.

Eurich, Paul M.

Gurman, Robert E.

Hackworth, David H.

Haigh, Robert J.

Hardin, Anthony A.

Hennings, Eric R.

Hewelt, Ronald J. II

Jones, Arthur L. II

Kalvaitis, Anthony R.

Kelley, Brian J.

Kelsey, Bernard D.

Kent, Kevin D.

Kotila, Jack W.

Kraus, Michael G.

Lawless, Edward E.

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Meneill, Mark D.

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Regan, Timothy W.

Samsel, Stephan P. Jr.

Sherman, Erick R.

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Terhorst, George C.

Uhrig, Patrick H.

Vincent, Jason N.

Vogel, Brian L.

Walker, John P. Jr.

Wheeler, Michael G.

Wilcox, Jeffery M.

Yahya, Abdul H. II

Zaroff, Ted A. Jr.

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Acosta, Allen D.

Baldwin, Jason D.

Beauchaine, Coby J.

Bender, Timothy W.

Bennett, Eugene F. Jr.

Boley, Donald W. Jr.

Caswell, Lahring F.

Clipper, Richard A.

Colvin, Lonnie J. Jr.

Crawford, Todd A.

Davis, Jason J.

Fabian, Donald W.

Farris, Lenny D.

Fear, Michele L.

Fittler, Jason A.

Flemington, Norman E.

Forrest, Dorothea

Galatian, Andrea L.

Harrington, David P.

Harsch, Thomas P.

Hirt, Douglas G.

Hude, Edward L. Jr.

Hunt, Donald W.

Jenkins, Aaron S.

Jones, Jessica D.

Keifer, Clint D.

Kingsbury, Darrell N.

Knutson, Kimberly M.

Kryn, Michael J.

Larson, Jeffrey R.

Layman, Brett W.

Legard, Joseph M.

Mack, Joel Jr.

March, Jeffrey D.

Medaniel, Douglas E.

Meeker, Richard H. Jr.

Menard, Ann R.

Michela, Edward C.

Nelson, David L. Jr.

Pappas, Nicholas J.

Petrick, Thomas E.

Petway, Willie Ed Jr.

Primm, Barbara J.

Prosser, Max E.

Pulver, William S.

Ramsey, Elizabeth A.

Reilly, Matthew A.

Roberts, Mark A.

Salter, Douglas J.

Sandoval, Antonio M.

Samowski, Michael J.

Simon, Joseph M.

Spencer, Bridget L.

Stoppa, David P.

Stuard, Matthew E.

Truss, Eric L.

Weishuhn, Zacharias R.

Wellman, Kristy R.

Cpl.

Mojica, Karen J.

Spc.

Acosta, Allen D.

Arzynski, Jason M.

Babeock, Nicholas J.

Baker, Joseph H. II

Barnes, Joseph L.

Bates, Christopher R.

Boatright, E.

Born, Aaron C.

Bridwell, Scott W.

Brown, George A.

Brown, Jesse A.

Bullock, Chaney N.

Buttel, Adam

Cassini, Jason E.

Chungag, Kenneth Z.

Couveau, Michelle M.

Coyer, Laura A.

Denman, Jason B.

Deters, Jason P.

Dudley, Alfonso

Dunnebeck, Chad R.

Erickson, Eric E.

Farnsworth, Roger D.

Frye, Harris Jr.

Gervasio, Daniel A.

Greeneveld, Ryan J.

Gustafson, Dustin E.

Hall, Christopher P.

Harp, Joseph E.

Harshbarger, Katie M.

Henson, Christopher A.

Hill, Matthew J.

Hoffman, Steve D.

Hoxie, Larry G. III

Hunt, Thomas R.

Jacobs, Thomas C.

Johnson, Brandon M.

Jokela, Donald J.

Jones, Gabriel E.

Kendall, Jayme L.

Koivu, James A.

Kucharek, Mandi S.

Learn, Joseph W.

Lessor, Whitney L.

Levitski, Damien B.

Lewis, Kenneth L.

Luck, Steven G.

Malone, Hollis J.

Maxfield, Michael J. Jr.

Mcenally, Lance B.

Michalko, Dustin B.

Miller, Jesse J.

Mills, Brian W.

Mills, Daniel R.

Mohr, Angela R.

Napier, Myzell

Nichols, Marcus R.

Niemi, Deborah L.

Nokes, Michael A.

Nystrom, Benjamin J.

O'Neill, Phillip J.

Oring, Robert W.

Payne, Ricardo T.

Phillips, Lawrence P.

Powell, Dustin J.

Puro, David J.

Render, John A.

Riatta, Timothy A.

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Soldiers and Airmen: Meet your new top enlisted leaders



Michigan Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major

Command Sgt. Maj. Miner W. Roth began his military career in 1970 as an Aircraft Turbine Mechanic with the 1463rd Transportation Company. "After I joined the military, I decided I would just put in my initial enlistment," recalled Roth. "But re-enlisting and serving my state

and country has been one of the best things I have done."

Roth progressed through the ranks of the aviation community serving as crew chief, aircraft maintenance supervisor, company maintenance supervisor, headquarters first sergeant and then command sergeant major.

Until his recent appointment, Roth worked full-time for the Michigan Guard at the Grand Ledge Army Aviation Support Facility as an aircraft engine mechanic.

Roth brings years of experience and military and civilian education with him to the job. He holds an associate's degree from Lansing Community College, has attended ANCO, the First Sergeant Course, the Sergeant Majors Designee Course, the Sergeant Majors Academy and is a master fitness trainer, to name just a few of his accomplishments.

His many goals as the new state command sergeant major include visiting as many soldiers and units as possible, becoming more accessible to soldiers, getting soldiers trained to do their job and getting the best leaders at the top of the EPS list.

Roth recognizes the deep commitment soldiers must make to be successful in a National Guard career. "The requirements placed on Guard members are higher than most civilian firms place on their employees," he said. He listed the numerous required military schools, followed by self development, common tasks, physical fitness and weight standards. "How many civilian employers require this level of commitment for a part-time job?"

Roth asks soldiers to remember how special they are to serve both the state and the country while balancing a family, a civilian career and a military career. "National Guard soldiers are some of the finest people our society has to offer," he said.

Michigan Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant



Chief Master Sgt. William E. Livesay, Jr. began his military career on active duty in 1965. After three and a half years of serving in the Air Force he transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard and was assigned to the 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

"I joined the military to serve my country and to see the world, but I also wanted a job where I made a difference," said Livesay.

Livesay progressed through the ranks of the 127th serving as a mobility support technician, support equipment supervisor, aircraft aerospace systems superintendent, field maintenance branch chief, equipment maintenance branch chief and the 127th command chief master sergeant. Livesay has also held numerous additional duties including squadron awards monitor, vehicle control NCO, disaster preparedness NCO, personnel management inspector, United Fund campaign chairman and senior logistics manager for the survivability recovery center.

Livesay brings years of experience, education and honors with him to the job. He is a graduate of the NCO Preparatory and Airman Leadership School Instructor Course, the Air Force NCO Leadership School and the Senior NCO Academy. He has been recognized by the Tactical Air Command's First Air Force Inspector General for superior performance and was chosen as the Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year in 1987.

His many goals as the new Michigan Air National Guard command chief master sergeant include an emphasis on mentoring and career planning for enlisted airmen, improving quality of life, increasing recruiting efforts and retaining a quality force.

Livesay encourages airmen to communicate with and educate their civilian employers, as well as, their military commanders on the skills they bring to both jobs and how one compliments the other.

And he reminds airmen to make time for family. "They are the ones that allow us to serve and they are the ones that impact our decision to stay," he said. "We enlist the Guard member, we retain the family," he added.



New Key Leaders

Col. Michael Carr—Military Liaison Team Chief in Latvia
 Col. Dennis Hull—Camp Grayling Commander
 Col. Richard Kowalski—127th Vice Wing Commander
 Lt. Col. Jennifer Hornus—Army Guard State Safety Officer
 Lt. Col. Gregory Johnson—Plans, Operations and Military Support Officer
 Lt. Col. Gery Kosel—Director of Army Personnel
 Lt. Col. Janet Phipps—107th Quartermaster Battalion Cmdr.
 Maj. Kathleen Loftis—163rd Personnel Svcs. Battalion Cmdr.
 Maj. David Wesoloski—107th Engineer Battalion Cmdr.
 Ms. Jaima McCabe—State Family Support Coordinator



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Sgt. 1st Class James J. Walker, 62, Jul. 25, 1999
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50th Anniversary of the Korean War
127th Wing Makes History in Africa**



A multiple launch rocket system from 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery lights up the sky. Read about their mission and training in the next issue of "The Wolverine Guard." (Photo by Sgt. Ron Raflik, Ft. Custer, Michigan Army National Guard)

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